

Sunway College e-Bulletin

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Dear Colleagues and Partners

We are pleased to share with you the latest e-Bulletin for Sunway College.

This edition of the e-Bulletin celebrates the achievements of Canadian International Matriculation Programme alumna Cherry Yeo for her performance in the World DanceSport Federation, as well as Sunway Diploma Studies alumna Gillian Lim for her success in the International Bowling Federation World Cup.

We also congratulate Sunway TES for reaching over 1,000 Yayasan Peneraju graduates, Sunway STYLO on its partnership with Tarmah Group, and Sunway College Ipoh on its 20th anniversary, celebrated with The ESSENCE Art Exhibition.

Moreover, this edition also includes Sunway College Johor Bahru's Tan Zi Heng, who excelled in mathematics, Australian Matriculation students who dominated the ANU Business Case Study Competition, and Monash University Foundation Year's proud graduates who achieved stellar accolades.

Please help to share the news of the great activities and achievements happening at our College, to your local and international associates, colleagues, friends and family members.

The e-Bulletin runs bi-monthly and alternates between the University and the College.

#MostHappeningCampus

AUSMAT Director of Programme shares insights on Malaysia



Vanitha Satchithanadan, Assistant Director of Pre-University Studies and Director of the Australian Matriculation (AUSMAT) Programme at Sunway College, shares the popularity of Australian education among Malaysian students due to its global recognition, quality, and the skills needed to thrive in an AI-driven world. With strong academic partnerships, accessible programmes, and bursaries, students can earn international qualifications while staying closer to home.

[Business Today](#)

CIMP alumna Cherry Yeo continues to stun with her captivating moves



Canadian International Matriculation Programme (CIMP) alumna Cherry Yeo sashayed her way to the top in the World Dance Sport (WDSF) Female Adult – Solo Latin ranking after winning the WDSF Open competition in London, United Kingdom in September last year. A month later, Yeo created history by becoming the first Malaysian to bag the WDSF World Cup Solo Latin in Belgrade, Serbia.

[The Star](#)

SDS alumna Gillian Lim - a rising star in bowling
4 February 2025



Having a talented student is not only something to be proud of but also acts as an inspiration to fellow students. This achievement reflects how Sunway Diploma Studies (SDS) continues to demonstrate its excellence by supporting another outstanding athlete in the world of bowling.



Gillian Lim Siew Giok, a proud alumna from the Diploma in Communication (DCOM) programme (2019–2022), has earned her place as one of ASEAN's top athletes, ranking 3rd in Asia in 2024. Hailing from Sarawak, Gillian's love for bowling began at home, with her father as her first coach. Although she initially explored various sports, she eventually found her calling in bowling. Her journey to becoming a national athlete began in 2017 when she won gold in the Women's Singles category at a Youth Bowling Tournament in her homeland. By 2018, she had joined the Malaysian national team, representing the country with pride and determination.



The rising star has consistently showcased her passion on the global stage, earning recognition as one of the top athletes in bowling. Recently, she achieved a remarkable Silver Medal in her debut at the 2025 IBF World Cup in Hong Kong, China. Additionally, she secured Silver Medals in the Trios category at both the Asian Championship in Thailand and the World Championship, proving her unwavering fortitude and skill in international competitions.





While topping in bowling, Gillian also pursued a Diploma in Communication at Sunway College. Her decision to study communication stemmed from her desire to develop Public Relation (PR) skills and connect with people. Despite the challenges of balancing rigorous training schedules and academic responsibilities, she excelled, crediting her success to strong family support, understanding lecturers, and meticulous time management. Her favourite quote reflects her tenacity; *"If it doesn't challenge you, then life is not fun."*



Gillian is also driven by the need for a "Plan B." Recognising that sports can be unpredictable, she values education as a safety net for her future. Her willpower to succeed academically alongside her sports career is a proof to her dedication and foresight.

Looking back at her two years' experience at Sunway College, Gillian recalls how much she cherishes the friendships she made. She emphasised the unforgettable sense of togetherness in class. Alongside these cherished memories, she fondly highlights the support she received from the college, particularly the convenience of having the training centre at Sunway Pyramid Mega Lane nearby and the flexibility offered by her program. "Sunway College gave me the confidence to become the best version of myself. The support from the programme and the accessibility to my training centre made balancing sports and studies so much easier. I'm proud to call Sunway my second home," she said.



When asked what she has to say to those looking to follow in her footsteps, Gillian underlines the importance of hard work, discipline, and determination over talent. Her advice emphasises focusing on the target, investing in quality equipment and coaching, and staying patient, as success in bowling is a journey that demands grit and perseverance.

Gillian's future is as bright as her achievements. She is set to compete in the Malaysia Open this April and the Professional Women's Bowling Association (PWBA) tournament. Beyond bowling, she envisions a career in broadcasting, leveraging her communication skills to inspire and inform others.

From Sarawak to the world stage, Gillian is a living proof of passion, perseverance, and purpose. Her story serves as a powerful inspiration to Sunway students, proving that with the right mindset and support, it is possible to excel in both academics and sports.

This article is written by SDS lecturer, Mieza Shafieza Mohd Fuad.

MUFY graduates make their mark with stellar achievements
13 February 2025



The MUFY Graduation December 2024 ceremony celebrated the astounding achievements and performance of MUFY graduates from the January 2024 intake.

Here are highlights of their achievements:

- **PUA XIN YEE** received the **MUFY Excellence Award** for achieving the Highest Overall MUFY Score of **99.81%**
- **109 students** received the **Monash University High Achiever Award** for achieving an overall MUFY score of 89% and above
- **233 students** achieved an overall **High Distinction** score by achieving an overall MUFY score of 80% and above



Congratulations to all our MUFY graduates! We applaud and are proud of their achievements and we wish them all the success in their future endeavours.

Mindful Minutes Podcast for lasting wellness with Ronald Lee



Ronald Lee, Head of Counseling and Student Welfare at Sunway Student LIFE, explores the psychology of habit formation and sustainable lifestyle changes. This podcast allows us to discover practical strategies to overcome obstacles, understand what drives behavioral change, and turn health and fitness goals into lasting habits.

[Podcast](#)

A-Level Student Ryan Hoo Sets New National Record at 2024 Asian Powerlifting Championships
21 January 2025



Ryan Hoo Yung Yuan, an A-Level student, representing Team Malaysia at the 2024 Asian Men's Classic Powerlifting Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, finishing third overall in the U66kg Men's Sub-Junior Division. In addition to winning one silver and two bronze medals, he set a new national record in this division. Congratulations, and keep flying high. You make the Sunway community proud!

Sunway College JB's Maths Whiz, Tan Zi Heng Strikes Again

21 January 2025



Tan Zi Heng receiving his Outstanding Cambridge Learner Award (OCLA) for AS Mathematics – Top in the World, with his family and lecturer, Ms Alicia Leong by his side.

Tan Zi Heng, who is turning 20 this year, recently received his Cambridge A-Level results, earning an impressive 3A*s and 1A. He was a recipient of the Outstanding Cambridge Learner Award (OCLA) for AS Mathematics - Top in the World for his AS Level last year. This time round, he achieved PUM 100 for A2 Mathematics!

“I am incredibly grateful and happy with my performance. The journey itself has been rewarding. Receiving the OCLA for AS Mathematics last year was a milestone I'll always cherish, as it reflects that my hard work had paid off,” shared Zi Heng while reflecting on his recent A-Level results.

Formerly from Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Seri Perling, Zi Heng's academic adventure began when he achieved 9A+ and 1A for the Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM), earning him the Tan Sri Sir Jeffrey Cheah Entrance Scholarship, covering his full tuition fees at Sunway College Johor Bahru. His decision to pursue the A-Levels at Sunway College JB was driven by the reputed balance of academic rigor and a supportive learning environment enjoyed by students.

Reflections about his college choice...

“Sunway College JB provided the perfect atmosphere for my studies. The experienced lecturers and resources made all the difference. One of those lecturers, Ms Leong Hsueh Yan, Alicia, played an important role in my mathematical success. Her guidance in understanding complex concepts and mastering answering techniques significantly contributed to my achievements. All my lecturers have been incredibly dedicated and supportive, always providing guidance and encouragement, especially when I faced challenges. I am deeply thankful for their efforts and the significant role they played in my achievements.”

Despite the demanding nature of the A-Level programme, Zi Heng excelled through self-discipline and careful time management. The intensive curriculum and workload required consistent effort, but staying organised with daily schedules and a strict focus on past-year paper practice was key. Family has been a pillar of strength for him, always encouraging Zi Heng to push forward while friends provided both academic and emotional support. The combination has made the journey both enjoyable and fulfilling. Nonetheless, he also found time for hobbies, such as reading and playing mobile games, which helped him unwind during stressful periods.

Plans for the future...

“Artificial Intelligence (AI) has the potential to revolutionise the way we live and work. My goal is to contribute to society by developing innovative solutions that improve lives. I would also like to thank my Computer Science lecturer, Mr Ng Kien Heng, for inspiring me to explore computer science further. His insights deepened my interest in the field and solidified my ambition to pursue a career in AI.”

Looking ahead, Zi Heng aspires to further his studies in Computer Science at a top-ranked university, preferably closer to home. High on his list are the National University of Singapore (NUS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU) and University of Malaya (UM). He confidently expressed his hope to make meaningful contributions in fields like healthcare, finance and education through innovative technological solutions.

“Perseverance and consistency are key. However, understanding the topics thoroughly is equally important. Practicing without understanding (the concepts) is not productive, so it's essential to ensure clarity beforehand. Understand thoroughly, practice diligently, and don't hesitate to seek guidance from your lecturers!”

-Tan Zi Heng

Sunway College JB congratulates Tan Zi Heng on his remarkable achievements and we wish him the very best as he embarks on the next chapter of his journey. With his accomplishments and the possibility of another Outstanding Cambridge Learner Award, the future looks bright for him. We're keeping our fingers crossed!



Tan Zi Heng, accompanied by his parents, receiving a token of recognition during the Excellence Awards Ceremony 2024 from Mrs Hor Poh Choo, Principal.

Insightful hands-on 'Bringing Reality to Public Safety' at Sunway College Ipoh empowering workshop

8 January 2025



On the 5th and 6th of December 2024, Sunway College Ipoh, conducted by Mr. Joshua Wong from the MARCOMM department, proudly hosted the 'Bringing Reality to Public Safety' workshop. This impactful program brought students and staff together for an enlightening and practical experience aimed at enhancing personal safety awareness and self-defense skills.

The workshop provided participants with essential knowledge and training, including:

- Understanding legal rights for self-defense under Malaysian law
- How to prevent, diffuse, and respond to real-world threats
- Identifying the body language of potential attackers
- Discernment between realistic and non-realistic self-defense methods
- Emotional readiness and simulations for real-life attack scenarios
- Response-based self-defense training tailored for practicality
- Using everyday items such as keys, blades, and umbrellas as weapons of convenience

Participants left the workshop equipped with actionable skills to stay prepared and protected in challenging situations. The event received overwhelmingly positive feedback from students and staff, who appreciated the hands-on approach and expert guidance provided.

Sunway College Ipoh remains committed to promoting safety and empowerment through innovative programs like this. Here's to continuing our journey of building a safer and more informed community!



Sunway TES celebrates over 1,000 Yayasan Peneraju graduates
13 January 2025



Attended by the Guest-of-Honour, YB Dato' Seri Mohd Rafizi Ramli, Minister of Economy, and YB Ibrahim Sani, CEO of Yayasan Peneraju, Sunway TES marked a milestone with 1,006 Yayasan Peneraju Professional Accounting graduates. Global accounting firms and professional bodies were also in attendance. A highlight was the "Bridging Legacies: an intimate dialogue between leadership and alumni" session delivered by YB Rafizi Ramli.

Special thanks to our Guest-of-Honour YB Rafizi Ramli, Minister of Economy for inspiring us with your invaluable advice and perspectives, Prof. Dato Elizabeth Lee, Group CEO of SEG for your attendance and presenting our gift of gratitude to our guest-of-honour, Prof. Teo Ee Sing, Managing Director of Sunway College, and Encik Ibrahim Sani, CEO of Yayasan Peneraju, for their impactful remarks.

We'd also like to thank all the accounting firms BDO, Deloitte, EY, KPMG and PwC, the professional bodies including ACCA, CPA, ICAEW and MICPA, and Metropolitan Corridor in attendance.





















Sunway STYLO and Tarmah Group partner to elevate fashion design
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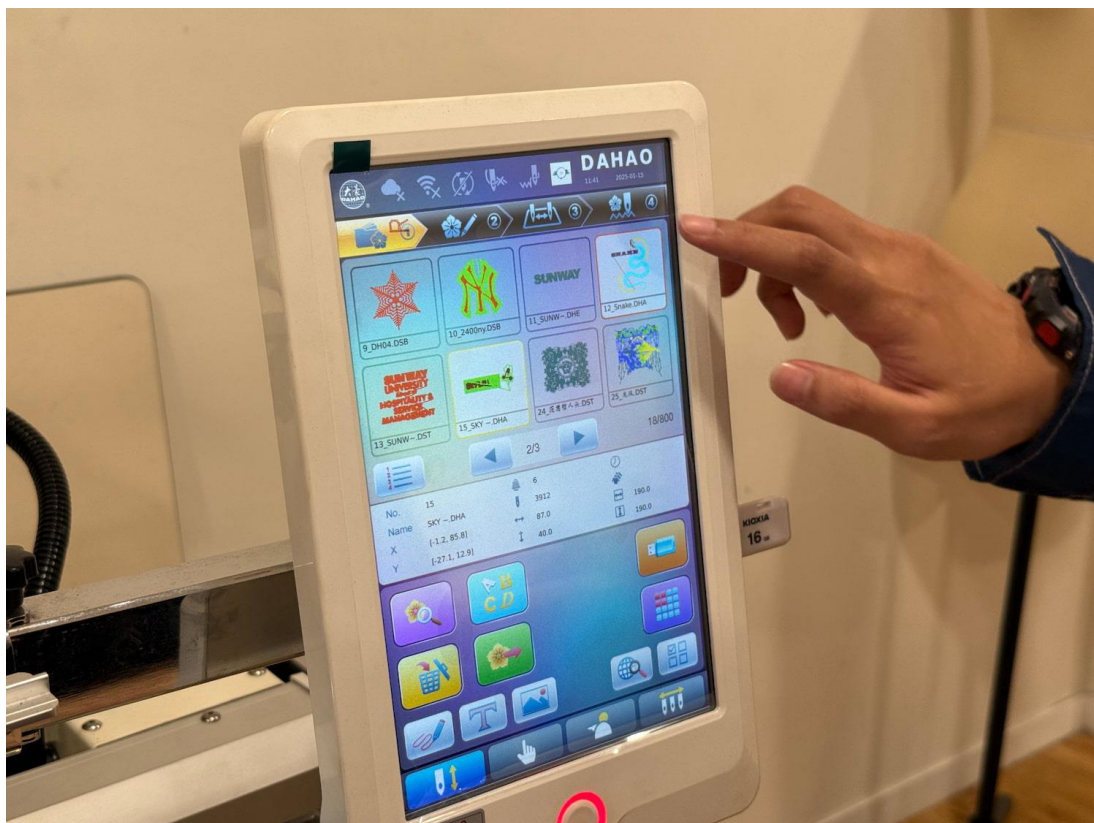


Sunway STYLO Fashion Design and Technology is excited to announce our collaboration with Tarmah Group on an Academia-Industry Entrepreneurship and Incubator Programme in Embroidery Training and Fashion Projects.

This innovative programme, integrated with our Diploma in Fashion Design Technology and Diploma in Fashion Media, provides students with industry exposure and hands-on training, equipping them with practical skills and knowledge to thrive in the ever-evolving fashion industry.



As part of this collaboration, our new automatic embroidery machines are designed to help SME fashion retailers take embroidery innovation to the next level! By incorporating advanced technology into the curriculum, students will have access to state-of-the-art tools, empowering them to push the boundaries of fashion design and enhance their technical expertise.





We are proud to be working alongside Tarmah Group to offer this unique opportunity for students to build their careers, expand their skill sets, and contribute to the sustainable growth of the fashion industry.



Sunway AUSMAT lead the way in ANU Business Case Study Competition 4 February 2025



Huge congratulations to our proud students from the AUSMAT programme who clinched the championship at the ANU Business Case Study Competition 2024. Comprising students from the July 2024 intake—Wan Jee Cheng, Yong Zheng Kai Jovan, and Sofea Chang Hui Zhou—Team S Class emerged as the overall winner out of 60 teams representing 40 schools across 8 countries.

Mentored by Ms Aswini Kumari, the team have successfully excelled in both Selection Round (Report Submission) and Final Round (Video Submission) based on the case study provided. Their outstanding performance and high standard of submission have impressed the judging panel.

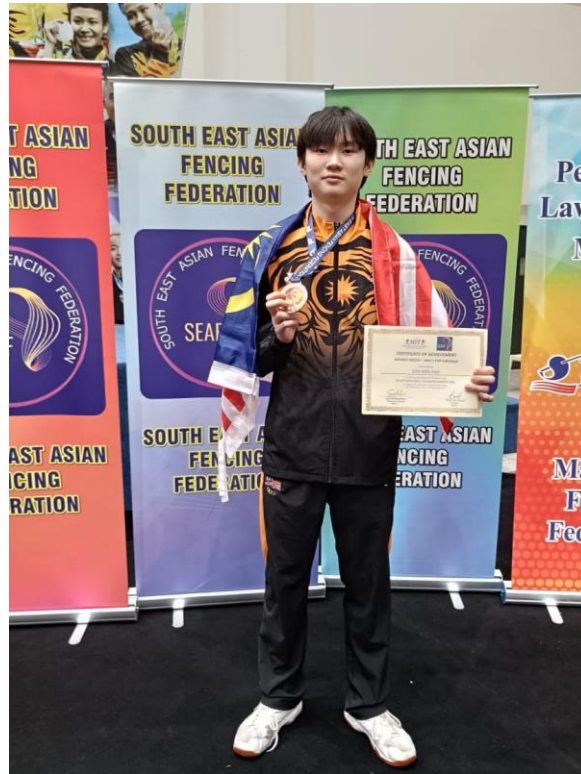
The Research School of Accounting at the ANU College of Business and Economics (CBE) hosted the seventh annual ANU Business Case Study Competition in 2024 to showcase students' analytical, problem solving and communication skills which provides an excellent opportunity for them to challenge their understanding of analysing and presenting financial information, corporate governance, and effective decision making in a business setting.

A prize-giving ceremony was held on 9th January 2025, presented by Ms. Chan Wai Yen, Regional Manager for Southeast Asia - International and Future Students, to commemorate this special moment.

We are immensely proud of their achievements!



Celebrating A-Level student Goh Wen Hao's success in fencing championships
13 January 2025



Congratulations on the remarkable achievements of Goh Wen Hao, an A-Level student from the September 2023 intake, who has recently secured medals at the MFF Junior Men's Foil Competition and the South-East-Asian Fencing Federation 2024 Championship.

Wen Hao delivered an unforgettable performance, clinching the Gold medal with unmatched skill and precision in the Junior Category at the MFF Junior Men's Foil Competition on 4 January 2025. He also secured a Bronze medal at the SEAFF Open 2024, held on 8 December 2024.



He triumphed with 15-8 and 15-9 victories in the competitions, respectively, showcasing his remarkable fencing prowess and skill.

Let us all congratulate Wen Hao on this remarkable success and wish him ongoing excellence in his future academic and athletic pursuits.



Inaugural Alibaba certified lecturer in Sunway Diploma Studies
4 February 2025



Seven Diploma in Business Administration lecturers (Ms. Fatimah Sakeenah, Ms. Thana P., Mr. Albert Lim, Ms. Lai Sok Yee, Dr Hurul Ain, Dr. William Eng, and Ms. Natalie) successfully completed the Alibaba Global Digital Talent Programme (GDT) certificate in 2024. These lecturers henceforth are qualified to teach the new program (Diploma in Digital Entrepreneurship) which will be offered by Sunway Diploma Studies in 2025.

The GDT programme is divided into two parts which are Digital Transformation (DT) and Digital Entrepreneurship (DE). The DT segment covers 13 diverse topics, which includes Customer-Centric Digital Entrepreneurship, Mission-Driven Entrepreneurship, Digital Marketing, and Digitalisation in Supply Chain, whereas, the DE segment focused on 7 key topics such as AI in Business Applications, Content Marketing and Social E-Commerce Practice, Organisation in the Digital Age, Cross-Border E-Commerce and Supply Chain Management, and New Finance, equipping participants with insights into emerging technologies and trends shaping the future of business.

SDS offers relevant programs to students to meet the ever-changing industry standards and committed to invest in the development of its lecturers. The second batch of lecturers will embark on the GDT programme in 2025.

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The ESSENCE: Sunway College Ipoh 20th Anniversary Art Exhibition
8 January 2025



From 14th to 16th December 2024, Sunway College Ipoh proudly hosted The ESSENCE - 20th Anniversary Art Exhibition at Palo 101 Ipoh, marking a significant milestone in our journey of fostering creativity and artistic excellence.

The three-day exhibition featured an impressive showcase of artworks created by our talented students, spanning various forms such as graphic design, figure drawing, and more. Visitors not only admired the stunning pieces on display but also enjoyed the interactive experience of creating their own drawings on the spot, adding a personal touch to the celebration.



We are deeply grateful to everyone who joined us during these special days. These support and encouragement have made this milestone event truly memorable.



As we reflect on 20 years of nurturing artistic talent, Sunway College Ipoh remains committed to empowering future generations of artists and designers. Here's to many more years of creativity, innovation, and artistic achievements!